

REPRESENTATIVE DRIEHAUS WELCOMES MORE THAN \$17 MILLION FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

WASHINGTON, DC—As additional resources from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) flow into greater Cincinnati, Representative Steve Driehaus today welcomed the announcement of \$17,173,793 in ARRA grants for law enforcement agencies across the region. The grants, allocated through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP), will keep an estimated 66 full-time sworn officers employed by the Cincinnati Police Department, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and the Village of Lockland.

"This funding is not only a great example of the recovery package creating and saving jobs in greater Cincinnati, but these grants are also smart investments in our public safety. We know that local governments are struggling to make ends meet during this recession, and providing resources for our police departments is a great way to ease the burden on local communities without forcing them to cut critical services," said Rep. Driehaus.

"This grant provides tremendous relief at a critical time as we struggle with a tighter budget. These resources are going to help us maintain public safety across Cincinnati and preserve the strength of our organization," said Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Chief of the Cincinnati Police Department.

"Receiving these federal funds will make a significant difference for our Police Department and the people of Cincinnati. We are very appreciative to Congressman Driehaus, and the President's administration for providing this aid," said Cincinnati City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr.

Three CHRP grants totaling \$17,173,793 were announced for greater Cincinnati. The City of Cincinnati will receive \$13,570,000, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will receive \$3,403,305, and the Village of Lockland will receive \$200,088. CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts.

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